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April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at 9:30 am      Fifth Sunday of Lent  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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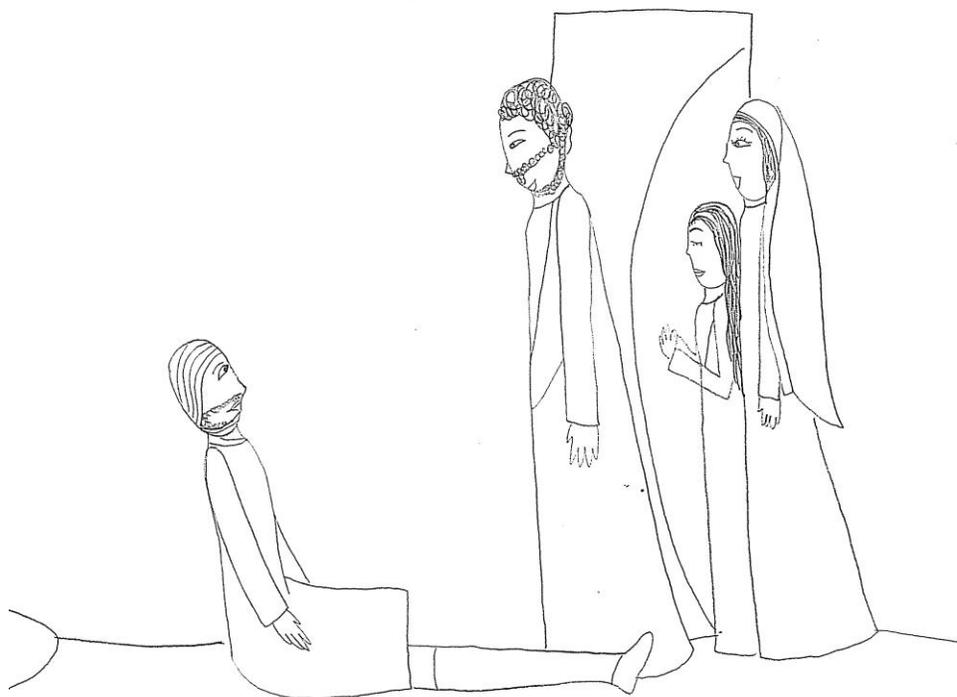
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Art by  
Anna Patterson

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.  
We are delighted to have you here***

**We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number. Thank you.**

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.  
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –  
ELW SETTING 10**

**PRELUDE**

*(A time for prayer and reflection)*

**Karen Niemeier**

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**Chime Choir**

*“And He Never Said a Word”*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(Please stand)*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.**

**We fail in love, neglect justice,  
and ignore your truth.**

**Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.**

**Create in us clean hearts**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
now is the day of salvation.

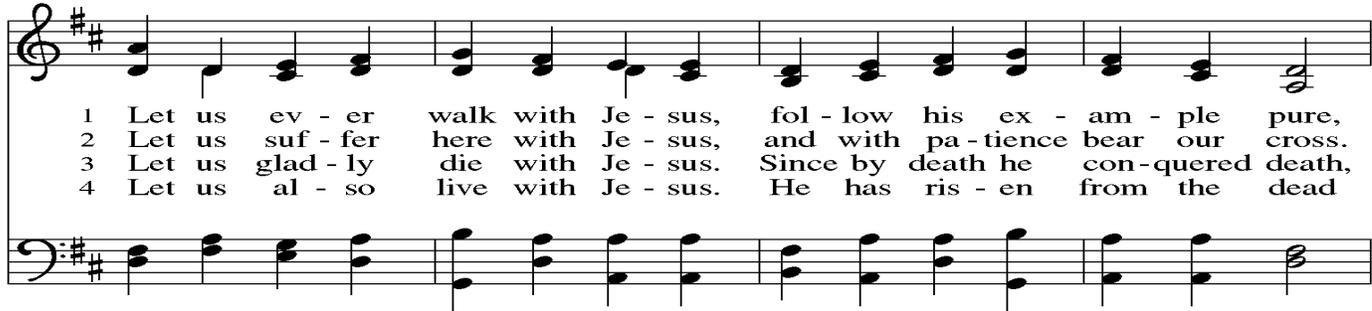
Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us all our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW#802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

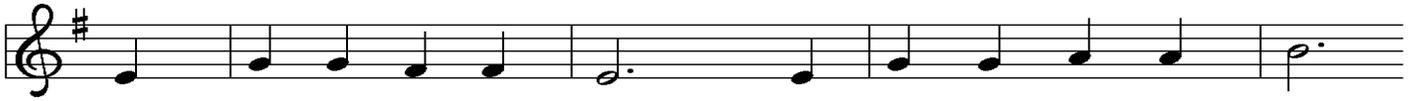


Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bid - e; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

## KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** Let us pray, **C:** Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

Bill Engel

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD." L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 130** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#130**<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Romans 8:6-11

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand as you are able*)


We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -  
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 11:1-45 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.***Please be seated*

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this

world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” <sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” <sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” <sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW#666

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

**APOSTLES CREED'** *Please Stand*

**A:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*

WA: God, our sure strength, set the mind of your church on the Spirit of love and kinship. Bring healing where there is division and hope where there is worry. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: You bring life where there was despair and death. Bring new hope and new growth to barren lands and water to parched earth. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Listen to the voices of the weak and oppressed. Guard people in all lands from danger and injustice. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Martha and Mary pleaded for healing. Hear the cries of your people who call out in need and pain. Grant healing and comfort to those who are ill. *We pray especially for **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Kelsey Albrecht, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Scott Bonnet, Leta Toelke, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catron, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Bob Herman, Connie, Tom, Millie Anderson, Jean Otte, Nancy Farrington, Connor Stadermann, Justin Sager.** We pray for love, comfort and hope of Resurrection for the family and friends of Gladys Stadermann.* Strengthen and encourage **Lois Paulsen and Dorothy Weimer.** Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Bring life to dry bones in our community. Breathe your life-giving Spirit into the corners of our ministry that need renewal. Hear us O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Ever-living God, we give you thanks for raising a new pastor in our Synod. Grant Pastor Joseph loving patience and understanding so that he may serve you and your children in love. We pray for pastors and bishops who serve in your church. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We give thanks for the faithful departed and for the assurance that we will join with them in the heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you**

**OFFERING**

*“Lord, Thee I Love with all My Heart”*

**Choir Anthem**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord’s service and dedicate our lives to God’s work in the world.*

*Please stand*

**Offering Prayer** (*after acolyte presents offering at altar*)

A: Let us pray, **C: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

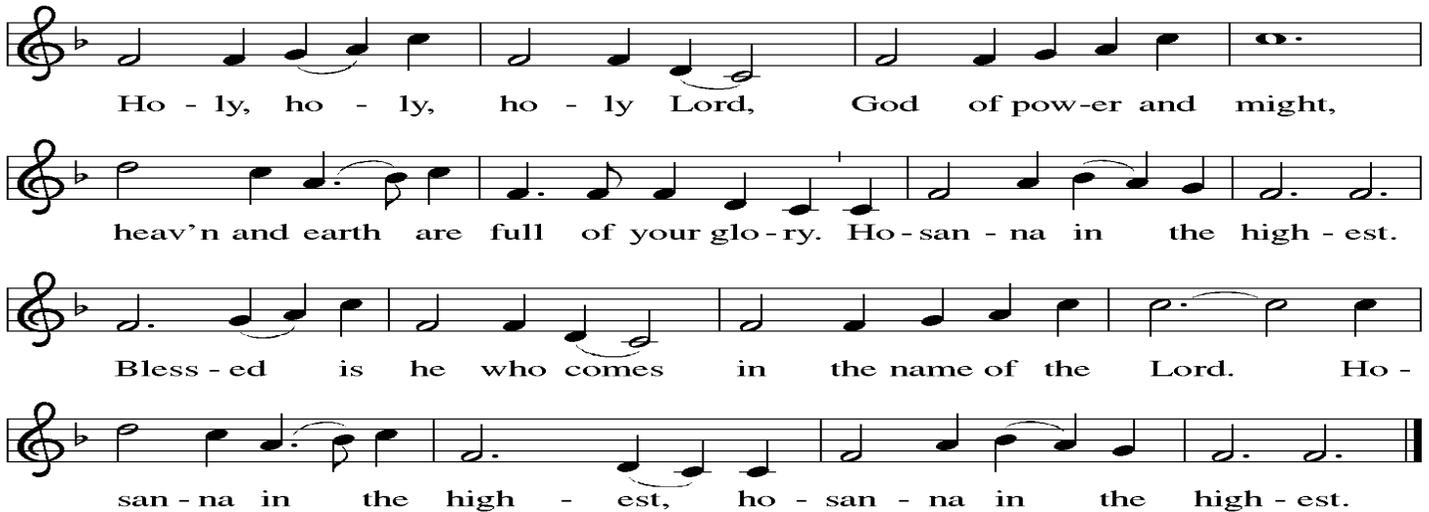
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

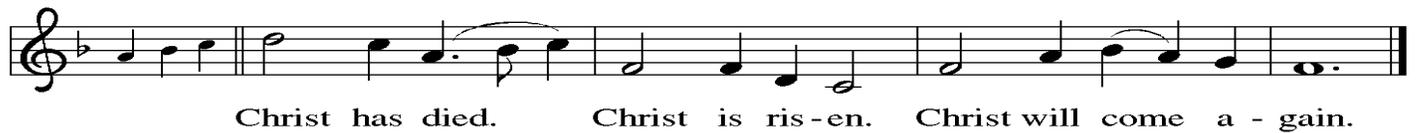
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

.....With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

.....O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction you will dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.*

**COMMUNION SONG (sung by all) Lamb of God**

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION SONG**

Precious Lord, Take Me Home

**ELW#773****TABLE BLESSING:**

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING** P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## Abide with Me

ELW#629

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness;  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Dennis Luke		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Ashtyn Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Chris and Angie Brinker, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Claire and Helen Cross, Troy and Cindy Doubler		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****April 2<sup>nd</sup> thru April 9<sup>th</sup> 2017**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service –Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
	Choir Practice	11:00 pm
	Learning Committee Meeting	11:45 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Lenten Lunch at Evangelical Free church	12:00 pm
	Lent Dinner – Men’s Group	5:30 pm
	Lent Service	6:30 pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle “Potluck” Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Procession of Palms Worship Service - Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance March 26 was 126

Total Offering 3/26/2017 \$3,506.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,512.61

**Mid-week Lenten Evening Services**

This year’s theme is Luther’s Small Catechism, and our youth will lead the service. Wednesday evening will begin with a light supper prepared by Men’s Group at 5:30pm followed by worship at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join.

**Hannah Circle**

Will meet on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at church in Fellowship Hall. This is “Potluck” we will not have a hostess. Rene’ Johnson is the Bible Study leader- Bible Study will be on “Sacrament of Baptism.”

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday for Willie Kayser**

Please help Willie celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at an open house on today Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Your presence is most welcomed.

*Please no gifts*

Hosted by the family of Willie Kayser

### The Thankful Quilt

During lent the youth and the congregation will be participating in creating a THANKFUL QUILT. There will be cloth squares and fabric paints at the church entrances for thoughts of thankfulness to be placed upon the squares. (Thankful for parents) (Thankful to be able to worship) to give as examples. The squares can be taken home to do and then brought back and placed in the offering plate or in the bulletin baskets.

The squares will be placed on a poster to start with as a hanging from the banister above the East entrance steps.

Later these squares will be sewn to form a quilt that will be displayed from that banister.

\*\* Everyone is encouraged to participate. All have something to be thankful for.

### NISWO-WELCA 2017 Spring Retreat

“**Making a Difference – Leaving a Legacy**” is Saturday, **April 22, 2017** at LOMC, in Oregon, IL. Registration and Coffee from 8:15-9:00am. Cost is \$35.00/person, which includes morning coffee, lunch, snacks and materials (please bring a Bible). Registration Deadline is March 20, 2017. Look for information flyer.

Registration and Scholarship forms on bulletin board.

### Favorite Hymns

As the winter is ending and spring is near, it is also time to think of your favorite hymns for the summer months. Please fill out the form starting today April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Think of your favorite hymn and write down the title and if possible the hymnal and page number so it can be found. We are limiting everyone to their three most favorite hymns. Please turn your hymns in by May 7<sup>th</sup> so that they may be organized and put into the hymn schedule starting in June this year.

### Holy Week Schedule Services

Maundy Thursday Service April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm - Good Friday Worship Service April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### Easter Worship Services April 16<sup>th</sup>

Sunrise Service at 7:00 am - Easter Breakfast at 8:00 am - Easter Festival Service at 9:30 am

### Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 16, 2017 at 8 am

The Good Shepherd youth will be serving Easter Breakfast on Easter Morning at 8am in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for the youth. Make your reservation by Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> by placing your reservation slip in offering plate or turning it in to the Church office.

**All Youth and Children of Good Shepherd: We will be meeting on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**

To prepare for the Easter Breakfast.

**Also, Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 7:30 am** to serve the Easter Breakfast together

### Email

As the church has changed our Telephone and Internet carrier to Mediacom we now have a new email address in addition to our outlook email. Our new email address is: [goodshepherdlc@mediacombb.net](mailto:goodshepherdlc@mediacombb.net)

Pastor Miho's new email is Pastor Miho new email: [gslpastor@mediacombb.net](mailto:gslpastor@mediacombb.net)

### Grace Place

You are invited to A Fundraising Evening for Grace Place Campus Ministry Celebrate our stories Hear our goals Saturday April 22, 2017 600pm-8:00pm Waterman Hall, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 218 Somonauk St., Sycamore, IL Please RSVP to 815-756-7700 by April 12, 2017

### All are Invited

To the ordination service Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Rochelle. as Joseph O'Donnell, who is serving St. Paul in Dixon, will be ordained.